

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council

~ Working together to improve our watershed from the hills to Trinidad Bay ~

The Trinidad Bay Watershed Council (TBWC) organizing committee invites Trinidad and Westhaven community members to become involved in the watershed council and to consider applying for a position on the member board.

The mission of the Trinidad Bay Watershed Council is to work collaboratively to improve and maintain the watersheds, coastal waters and communities in the Trinidad and Westhaven area for the benefit of all community members.

Watershed Council board members will be selected from the following categories: Trinidad owner-resident; non-city owner-resident; tribal organization; commercial fishing, recreational fishing; local business; local organization; and other or at-large.

Board member applications must be received by June 4, 2009 at Trinidad Town Hall. The next TBWC meeting is scheduled for 7 pm, June 11, 2009 at Trinidad Town Hall.

Watershed Council information and applications are available at:

City of Trinidad
409 Trinity Street
Trinidad, CA 95570
677-0223

Westhaven Center for the Arts
501 S. Westhaven Drive
Westhaven

Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Office
1 Cher-Ae Lane
Trinidad, CA 95570

For additional information about the Trinidad Bay Watershed Council and to request an application, contact:

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The Trinidad Bay Watershed Council receives support from the Trinidad Rancheria, the Trinidad Trust Fund and the City of Trinidad.

**Trinidad Bay Watershed Council
Voting Member APPLICATION**

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council (TBWC) representatives are committed to working in a collaborative process to improve and maintain the watersheds, coastal waters, communities in the Trinidad and Westhaven area and to make decisions based on data and sound science, rather than unexamined assumptions, for the benefit of all community members. Representatives participate in TBWC meetings on a regular basis; are prepared for meetings; and adhere to the established ground rules.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ORGANIZATION (if applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

(Please place an X in the box next to your preferred contact method.)

Council member category you would like to represent (Please check all that apply):

<i>Trinidad Owner Resident</i>	<i>Non-city Owner Resident</i>	<i>Tribal Organization</i>
<i>Commercial Fishing</i>	<i>Recreational Fishing</i>	<i>Local Businesses</i>
<i>Local Organization</i>	<i>Other</i> _____	<i>Other</i> _____

Please answer the following questions:

Why do you want to participate in the TBWC? What Trinidad Bay watershed issues are of special interest to you?

What knowledge or perspectives could you bring to the TBWC?

What skills or expertise could you offer to the TBWC? (Accounting, graphic design, computer support, fundraising, public relations, technical expertise, facilitation...)

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What resources could you bring to the TBWC? (Contacts with media, access to volunteers, access to datasets, connections to local organizations, access to equipment, access to field trip locations...)

Please discuss any potential conflicts of interest you may have.

What related activities or groups you are involved with?

Voting Member Responsibilities: I agree to

- Participate in TBWC meetings on a regular basis (at least 3 out of 4)
- Be prepared for meetings: review all plan documents, minutes, and agendas and provide appropriate input
- Adhere to the established meeting ground rules:
 - a. Be an active listener
 - b. Be respectful; discuss the issue, not the person
 - c. Be brief and “to the point”
- Be willing to participate in activities to advance the goals of the TBWC

I have read, and am willing to accept the Voting Member responsibilities.

Please submit this application to:

Becky Price-Hall, TBWC Coordinator
City of Trinidad
409 Trinity Street
P.O. Box 390
Trinidad CA 95570

Applications must be received at the City of Trinidad by June 4, 2009 for consideration at the TBWC meeting June 11, 2009.

Contact Becky Price-Hall at the City of Trinidad for more information: rpricehall@trinidad.ca.gov

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council Mission Statement, Goals & Principles

The mission of the Trinidad Bay Watershed Council (TBWC) is to work collaboratively to improve and maintain the watersheds, coastal waters, communities in the Trinidad and Westhaven area and to make decisions based on data and sound science, rather than unexamined assumptions, for the benefit of all community members.

The goals of the TBWC are to

- Participate in the development, implementation and evaluation of the Trinidad Bay Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan (ICWM Plan).
- Provide input and participate in the updates of the Humboldt County General Plan and the City of Trinidad General Plan.
- Foster partnerships and coordination with local community members, state and federal agencies, and other local & regional water resource related efforts
- Develop and support opportunities for economic and community development that improve well-being for residents, the community, local businesses and the coastal ecosystem
- Promote stewardship of the land, natural and cultural resources in the Trinidad Bay coastal area through education, outreach, and technical and financial assistance.
- Promote improvement and maintenance of public and private roads in the Trinidad Bay Watersheds through work with the County, the City of Trinidad, landowners, businesses and community members.

Boundaries

South: Includes The mouth of Little River, Moonstone Beach, Moonstone, Moonstone Heights and Driver Road area, but not the rest of Little River; TBWC members recognize the potentially significant influence the Little River may have on the receiving coastal waters and the Trinidad Bay ASBS.

North: The Mill Creek watershed, which drains to the state park is included;

East: The ridge of the coastal watersheds, including Mill Creek, Parker Creek, McConnahaus Mill Creek, Dead Man Gulch, Two (or Freeman) Creeks, and numerous small creeks and seeps that drain directly to the bay in the areas between the above named watersheds;

West: The near shore coastal waters adjacent to the terrestrial boundaries, and including the Trinidad Head Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)

The Trinidad Bay Watershed Council boundaries are flexible and may be modified in the future.

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council principles:

- Transparency promotes legitimacy
- A balanced and diverse membership promotes equity

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council Voting Members

The voting members of the TBWC will be property owners residing in the watershed or business owners doing business in the watershed. There will be between 9 and 11; with a quorum being over half the number of voting members.

Ideally, the makeup of the voting group include representation from the following groups and interests: Trinidad Owner Resident (within city limits); Non-City Owner Resident (in Trinidad Bay watersheds outside of city limits); Commercial Fishing (based in Trinidad Bay); Recreational Fishing (based in

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Trinidad Bay); Business (doing business in TB watersheds area); Local organizations (within TB watersheds); Green Diamond / Industrial Timber; Tribal organizations (Trinidad Rancheria; and the Tsurai Ancestral Society).

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council General Members (non-voting)

Agencies, entities and individuals may become (non voting) general members of the TBWC. General members participate in the Trinidad Bay Watershed Council through attending meetings, investing staff time, cash, in-kind contributions, resources, and providing input.

Involved agencies and entities may include Westhaven Community Service District, the City of Trinidad, Humboldt County Departments of Planning & Public Environmental Health, the HSU Telonicher Marine Laboratory, and the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust.

Professionals involved in watershed and coastal restoration activities within the watershed and scientists in such fields as hydrology, geology, fisheries and local knowledge of the watershed may participate as Watershed Council Technical Advisors. Initial technical advisors include: Don Allan of Redwood Community Action Agency; Trevor Parker & Bob Brown of Streamline Planning Consultants; Sungnome Madrone of Madrone Enterprises and Steve Allen of Winzler & Kelly.

Staff of agencies directly involved in watershed/coastal issue may provide scientific/technical expertise and information, funding, staff support, and assistance with education and outreach. State and Federal Agency Advisors may include: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control; Board; CA Coastal Commission; CA Coastal Conservancy; CDF / Cal Fire; CA Department of Fish & Game; CA State Parks; CA State Water Resources Control Board; CA Department of Transportation; U.S. Bureau of Land Management; NOAA Fisheries; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Trinidad Bay Watershed Council welcomes involvement of community members at council meetings and activities by providing information, skills and resources that will strengthen watershed effort. Some Trinidad Bay Watershed community members may be interested in applying for a voting member position.

Meeting Ground Rules for voting and general TBWC members

- Be an active listener
- Be Respectful; discuss the issue, not the person
- Be brief – “To the point”

In addition, voting members agree to

- Participate in TBWC meetings on a regular basis (at least 75% / 3 out of 4 meetings)
- Be prepared for meetings: review all plan documents, minutes, and agendas and provide appropriate input
- Adhere to the established meeting ground rules
- Be willing to participate in activities to advance the goals of the TBWC